

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2209 - HB 2761

May 27, 2020

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a school to post the course curriculum and any course materials related to a noncompulsory gun safety class or program for students in elementary school to the school's or local education agency's (LEA's) website.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016964): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) and the Department of Safety (DOS), in conjunction with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), to determine the earliest appropriate grade for students to begin receiving instruction on firearm safety. Requires DOE, DOS, and TWRA to study all relevant data and risk factors related to children and injuries involving firearms. Requires each local education agency (LEA) and public charter school to annually provide instruction on firearm safety for students in the earliest appropriate grade through grade 12 beginning in the 2021-22 school year. Establishes teaching requirements and topics required to be included in the instruction. Requires DOE, SOS, and TWRA to develop and approve a curriculum or program of instruction on firearm safety. Prohibits DOE from approving curriculum or a program of instruction, including any instructional materials, that bears a brand or organizational affiliation. Authorizes an LEA to provide the instruction in a classroom setting, through the viewing of a video, or through the review of online materials. Requires the 15-minute period on firearm safety to be credited toward the annual school safety training required by the state-level safety team for all students, teachers, and other school personnel who receive or provide the instruction.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- DOE, DOS, and TWRA will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources.

- LEAs and public charter schools will be able to utilize free materials and instructional programs on firearm safety readily found on the internet to provide the annual instruction.
- LEAs and public charter schools will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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